RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 1st December, 1998/10 Agrahayana, 1920 (Saka)

The House met at Eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** *in the chair*

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

$*21. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) The details of National Highways already in existence and planned for the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) Whether any National Highway is being developed connecting the districts of Cuddapah and Chitoor in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) Whether any foreign investment has been made or is in the offing for construction of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh including the one for Cuddapah and Chitoor districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether Government is planning to construct more National Highways in Andhra Pradesh out of its own funds;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) to (g) A statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Statement

(a) The details of the existing National Highways are given below:—

S. No.	N.H.No.	Name of the Road	Length (Km.)
1.	4	Madras-Bangalore	84.00
2.	5	Madras-Calcutta	1014.00
3.	7	Bangalore-Hyderabad-Nagpur	772.00
4.	9	Pune-Vijayawada	392.00
5.	16	Nizamadabad-Jagdalpur	235.00
6.	18	Kurnool-Chittoor	362.00
7.	43	Raipur-Visakhapatnam	90.00
8.	63	Ankola-Gooty	62.00

Details of NHs being planned are given below:—

S.No.	Name of Road	Length (in Km.)
1.	Hyderabad-Warangal Venktapuram (connecting NH-16)	280
2.	Machilipatnam to Vijayawada	50
3.	Ananthapur-Peleru-Tirupati-Renugonda-Nageri (Tiruthani-Chennai)	360

(b) The National Highway No. 18 connects the districts of Cuddapah and Chittoor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. 23 Works estimated to cost Rs. 79.9 crores included in the Annual Plan 1998-99.

(g) Does not arise

Loans for Widening of Highways in Andhra Pradesh

$*28. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the state Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for grant of loans to widen Highways as well as for construction of circular bypass for Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) Apart from the laon already approved by the World Bank for Andhra Pradesh State Highway Project, no fresh proposal has been received for grant of loans. Also no proposal for grant of loan has been received for construction of circular bypass for Hyderabad.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister in his reply has stated details of National Highways being planned. They are Hyderabad-Warangal-Venkatapuram, Machilipatnam to Vijayawada, Ananthapur to Nager. These three roads constitute around 600 KMs. In fact, this was announced sometime in the month of September, but the notification is yet to be issued.

Sir, with regard to the National Highways in the current year the Government is planning to be converted into 11,000 KMs road into National Highways. But in Andhra Pradesh only 600 KMs is being planned to convert into National Highways. The Minister was kind enough to convert more kilometres of roads into National Highways in his constituency in the State of Tamil Nadu. We do not have any grievance about it. But our request is this. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted proposals for clearance of Hyderabad-Nandyal via Srisailem Kattupadu - Pittapuram - Machilipatnam-Nayudupeta - Kalahastri - Renigunta-Chandragiri - Venkatapuram - Rajahmundry via Bhadrachalam, Raichoti-Rajampeta-Kodur-Renigunta. I would like to say that Government of Andhra Pradesh is on the threshold of fast economic development and industrial development. We are constructing four new ports in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Government of India have announced that they are trying to build up express National Highways. So, in view of this Government's policy, I request the Minister that these six proposals may kindly be cleared.

I would like to mention one more aspect. As per the directions of the Ministry of Surface Transport, Andhra Pradesh Government have removed all encroachments on the National Highways for widening of roads. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have sent proposals for undertaking the works to the tune of Rs. 95 crores, but the amount is yet to be sanctioned.

Sir, with regard to new National Highways, a lot of bridges have to be constructed and they are pending since a long time. For example, the National Highway No. 18 which has recently been converted across the river Mandavya near Raichoti 113/24—has been washed away by the floods. This river has got the characteristics of indulging in flash floods. So, these bridges and high level culverts have to be constructed immediately. The State Government has got only the administrative control in the execution of the projects. So, for every aspect, this has to be submitted to the Ministry of Surface Transport for clearance—at the estimate stage, at the proposal stage and at the technical clearance stage. This is causing an inordinate delay.

$ Q. No. 21 and 28 were taken together.